

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLOTTE DIVISION

DOCKET NO. 3:24-cv-00748-FDW-SCR

VALERIE BUSTAMENTE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HOPPIN, LLC

Defendant.

MOTION FOR ADMISSION
PRO HAC VICE
and AFFIDAVIT

NOW COMES David M. Wilkerson ("Local Counsel"), a member in good standing with the Bar with the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina ("WDNC"), and moves for the admission of Christopher Berman ("Applicant"), who seeks permission to represent Valerie Bustamante

("Client") in this above-captioned case.

By signing this motion, Local Counsel and Applicant certify that:

1. Applicant is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the State or of the District of Columbia where Applicant regularly practices law, which is Florida.

2. Applicant practices under the name of or as a member of the following firm:

Firm Name: Shamis and Gentile, P.A.

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City / State / Zip: Miami, FL 33132

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3. Applicant certifies that s/he is also admitted to practice before and remains in good standing with the Courts in the following jurisdictions:
Southern District of Florida, Northern District of Illinois, Middle District of Florida.

4. Applicant certifies s/he has never been the subject of any formal suspension or disbarment proceedings; never been denied admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction or had *pro hac vice* admission revoked; never had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any judicial or administrative body suspended or revoked; and has never received public discipline by any court or lawyer regulatory organization. If Applicant cannot so certify, the applicant has attached a separate explanation including particular information disclosing the disciplinary history or the denial of admission.

5. Applicant certifies that the client requested Applicant to represent it in this matter, along with Local Counsel.

6. Applicant agrees to be subject to the Orders of the WDNC, including the Local Rules of the WDNC, and amenable to the disciplinary action and the civil jurisdiction of the WDNC in all respects as if the applicant were a regularly admitted and licensed member of the Bar of this Court in good standing.

7. Local Counsel is satisfied that Applicant is qualified to practice before the Bar of the WDNC.

8. Local Counsel has conferred with counsel for the other parties, who have indicated they *do not* oppose this motion.

9. The required fee for admission *pro hac vice* is being submitted with the filing of this motion.

10. Applicant consents to electronic notification.

By signing this Motion, we so certify.

This, the 9th day of September, 2024.

s/David M. Wilkerson

Local Counsel

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